(a) the Central assistance demanded vis-a-vis given to Orissa for implementing various agricultural schemes in the State during the year 1988-89;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to consider special assistance or grant for tribal areas of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The outlay for development of agriculture in Orissa during 1988-89 as approved in the joint meeting of the Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission and the Chief Minister of Orissa was Rs. 5826.00 lakhs as against Rs. 6820.15 lakhs proposed by the Orissa Government in their draft Annual Plan, 1988-89.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to provide Rs. 155.75 lakhs as special Central assistance for agriculture and allied activity in tribal areas during 1988-89 out of the total allocation of Rs. 2261 lakh made to Orissa Government by way of Special Central assistance. Some of the schemes; commerical crops in tribal cultivator's field, high-yielding varieties programme, training of tribals in different fields of agriculture and horticulture, assistance to tribals for cultivation of land restored to them, assistance to dairy and poultry cooperative societies, assistance to tribal families for pisciculture, etc.

**Rural roads in Orissa**

2128. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages linked with pucca roads in Orissa;

(b) the schemes framed under the 20 Point Programme to eliminate poverty among the rural farmers and labourers in the State; and

(c) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 8247 villages are likely to have been connected with pucca roads in Orissa by 31-3-1988.

(b) The major poverty alleviation programmes included in the 20 Point Programme and being implemented in the State are: Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP); National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP).

(c) The number of families assisted under IRDP and mandays employment generated under NREP and RLEGP in Orissa since the beginning of the Sixth Plan upto March, 1988 are as under:-

| Units | Achievement |
|---|---|
| IRDP No. of beneficiaries assisted | 16.056 |
| NREP Employment generated (lakh mandays) | 1535.37 |
| RLEGP Employment generated (lakh mandays) | 556.86 |

**Development of new species of fish**

2129. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 448 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1988 and state;

(a) whether Biological Science School, Madurai, Kamaraja University have also successfully developed Monosex, Sterile and Transgine form of fish in the country;

(b) if so, what is the difference between ordinary fish and the newly developed fish; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to develop fisheries in the coun-